

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed March 28, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been objected to for a typographical error. In response to the objection, Applicant has amended claim 1 to replace “applicance” with “appliance”.

In view of the above-noted claim amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not objectionable and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 15-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wolff (U.S. Pat. No. 6,738,841). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is axiomatic that “[a]nticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration.” *W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 721 F.2d 1540, 1554, 220 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). Therefore, every claimed feature of the claimed invention must be represented in the applied reference to constitute a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

In the present case, not every feature of the claimed invention is represented in the Wolff reference. Applicant discusses the Wolff reference and Applicant’s claims in the following.

A. Claims 1-2, 6-7, and 9-10

Applicant's claim 1 provides as follows (emphasis added):

1. A method performed on an information appliance for printing a document stored on a remote computer, the method comprising:

providing a connection between an information appliance and a remote computer, wherein the remote computer stores one or more documents;

transmitting information regarding a list of documents stored on the information appliance from the information appliance to the remote computer;

receiving synchronization information from the remote computer, the synchronization information comprising one or more references to one or more documents stored on the remote computer that are available to a user for printing;

updating the list of documents stored on the information appliance using the synchronization information received from the remote computer;

displaying the updated list of documents to the user on a display of the information appliance;

receiving a selection of one or more documents from the displayed list of documents;

receiving a command to print the one or more selected documents; and

responsive to receiving the command to print, transmitting a print request to a nearby printer that instructs the printer to print the one or more selected documents.

Regarding claim 1, Wolff does not teach any of "transmitting information regarding a list of documents stored on the information appliance from the

information appliance to the remote computer”, “receiving synchronization information from the remote computer, the synchronization information comprising one or more references to one or more documents stored on the remote computer that are available to a user for printing”, or “updating the list of documents stored on the information appliance using the synchronization information received from the remote computer”. Specifically, Wolff is silent as to how a user knows what documents are available for printing the remote server. Claim 1 now more clearly identifies that a “list of documents” is synchronized (i.e., updated) on the information appliance, through communication between the information appliance and the remote computer.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, and its dependents are allowable over Wolff.

With specific regard to dependent claim 7, Applicant notes that Wolff further does not teach a “print request” sent from an information appliance to a printer that “comprises a user identification information”.

B. Claims 15-17

Applicant’s claim 15 provides as follows (emphasis added):

15. A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer instructions that, when executed by an information appliance, cause the information appliance to:

provide a connection between an information appliance and a remote computer, wherein the remote computer stores one or more documents;

transmit information regarding a list of documents stored on the information appliance from the information appliance to the remote computer;

receive synchronization information from the remote computer, the synchronization information comprising one or more references to one or more documents stored on the remote computer that are available to a user for printing;

update the list of documents stored on the information appliance using the synchronization information received from the remote computer;

display the updated list of documents to a user on a display of the information appliance;

receive a selection of one or more documents from the displayed list of documents;

receive a command to print the one or more selected documents; and

transmit a print request to a nearby printer in response to receiving the command to print that instructs the printer to print the one or more selected documents.

Regarding claim 15, Wolff does not teach computer instructions that cause an information applicant to “transmit information regarding a list of documents stored on the information appliance from the information appliance to the remote computer”, “receive synchronization information from the remote computer, the synchronization information comprising one or more references to one or more documents stored on the remote computer that are available to a user for printing”, or “update the list of documents stored on the information appliance using the synchronization information received from the remote computer” for reasons described above in relation to claim 1. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-17 are allowable over Wolff.

With specific regard to claim 17, Wolff does not teach a print request that “comprises identification information for the remote computer”.

C. Conclusion

Due to the shortcomings of the Wolff reference described in the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that Wolff does not anticipate Applicant's claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Rejection of Claim 3

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolff, as applied to claims 1 and 2 in view of Dalton (U.S. Pat. No. 6,246,211). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As is identified above in reference to independent claim 1, Wolff does not teach various limitations of claim 1. In that Dalton does not remedy this deficiency of the Wolff reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3, which depends from claim 1, is allowable over the Wolff/Dalton combination for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable over Wolff.

B. Rejection of Claims 4, 5, and 8

Claims 4, 5, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolff, as applied to claim 1 in view of Eldridge, et al. ("Eldridge," U.S. Pat. No. 6,430,601). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As is identified above in reference to independent claim 1, Wolff does not teach various limitations of claim 1. In that Eldridge does not remedy this deficiency of the Wolff reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 5, and 8 which depend

from claim 1, are allowable over the Wolff/Dalton combination for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable over Wolff.

IV. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claims 11-14 and 18-20 have been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

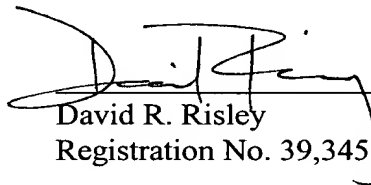
V. New Claims

As identified above, claims 21-33 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

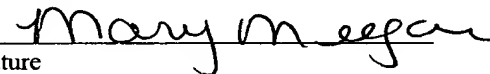
Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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